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Ike's personal staff

Certainly the new President will need a staff of men who understand the difference between an agent and a principal. One who did in the Truman Administration was Rear Admiral Sidney W. Souers. A Missouri businessman whose military title derives from wartime service in naval intelligence, Souers was President Truman's confidential consultant on national security affairs. He was the first director of what is now the Central Intelligence Agency and the first executive secretary of the National Security Council, and was instrumental in preparing the legislation to establish both agencies.

Souers briefed the President almost daily on security matters, and he also did such other con-

fidential jobs as the investigation that led to the firing of Theron Lamar Caudle. One of Souers's great assets was his ability to remain in the background as an agent of the President.

Particularly important was the link Souers afforded with the National Security Council. This is the top-level agency — whose principal members are the President and the Secretaries of State and Defense — that attempts to tie together military policy and foreign policy. Although a confidential trouble-shooter is not provided in military tables of organization, President Eisenhower no doubt will find it necessary sooner or later to rely on someone with the qualities of Admiral Souers.